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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

THE COMMISIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed November 6, 2006.

Reconsideration is hereby requested.

Claims 22-27 were rejected on the ground of non statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-6 of US Patent No. 6,728,467.

A Terminal Disclaimer is filed concurrently herewith to overcome this rejection.

Claims 22-27 were also rejected on the ground of non statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-6 of US Patent No. 6,724,976.

A Terminal Disclaimer is filed concurrently herewith to overcome this rejection.

The remaining claims, i.e., claims 9-21, were indicated as allowed in item 5 of the Office Action.

Accordingly, it is submitted that claims 9-27 are allowable over the prior art of record and that the present application is in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone to resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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